

GET CAR READY FOR THE WINTER; TEXAS MAY HAVE NEW MOTOR LAW

Dealers Advise All Car Owners to Watch the Radiators On Chilly Nights; Announced Price Increases Have Stirred Up Market; Austin Reports New State Registration Law is Under Preparation Now.

By "BECK"

CHILLY weather is about here and while El Paso never has what many persons term "real winter," it will soon be cold enough to think about keeping our radiator from freezing. Several "anti-freezing" solutions are now on the market and all the automobile dealers have been issuing warnings, this week, to owners to get some solution of this nature to avoid all chance of damage in case freezing weather sets in. The real freeze may not come but an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of regret.

A great many El Paso motorists are having their cars overhauled after a long summer's use and it is worth while to point out that a thorough cleaning out of the old oil is advisable about this time. Have your crank case drained, run some kerosene or gasoline through it to thoroughly clean it and then fill with fresh oil. Your car will start easier and run smoother for this treatment.

The announcement of the Studebaker raise in price last week has had the effect of starting motorists to inquire about prospective increases in other makes of cars. The Studebaker raise is almost sure to be \$100 on each model. There will also be an increase of price in a couple of other well-known makes.

but no definite announcement has yet been made. When the Ford announced new prices last August, it will be remembered that these new prices were guaranteed against any cut for 12 months but it was stated that there was no guarantee that the price would not be increased. However, this is regarded as unlikely until spring, anyway.

One effect of threatened increase of price has been the stirring up of many motorists who were laying back and waiting to "buy a new car soon." They have been getting after the dealers for the past week, instead of having the dealers after them. Now it's a case of being able to get the cars.

Look out for a big trainload of automobiles for the El Paso trade territory within the next few weeks. One dealer who has been complaining of a shortage of cars has been told by his factory that if he can hustle up the necessary freight cars, additional to the regular allotment to the factory by the railroads.

There's a new "dimmer" in use in El Paso that is a joke, pure and simple. This "dimmer" consists of a small metal cap that rests over the end of the electric light globe. Close up the dimmer has the effect of throwing the light so that it does not strike the eyes of

EL PASO NEWS BIG SALES

Gillespie Is Named as the Head of Republic Men in New York.

H. M. Gillespie, for a long time manager of the Republic Truck department of the Southern Motor company and later with the Smith Form-A-Truck agency, has rejoined the Republic line and is now general sales manager of the New York branch.

Mr. Gillespie is very enthusiastic over the new Republic models and states that the new light delivery truck will prove a real sensation when it gets to El Paso in the next few weeks. The output of the Republic factory at Alma, Mich., is to be increased to 20,000 cars for next season and "Gillespie" asserts that "Republics will be the whole cheese in the truck game."

So well pleased is Mr. Gillespie with his eastern connections that he is planning to have two more El Pasoans join the Republic staff in the east.

pedestrians but motorists passing cars equipped with this device declare that it is worse than no dimmer at all for it throws a wide glare of light at distances over 50 feet.

El Paso now has three distinct automobile districts. The Myrtle avenue section continues to hold its own and a little better. Whenever a dealer leaves a vacant store on that street, some other car dealer is ready to grab it. C. D. Freeman and the Universal Tire Specialty company have moved to that district within the last ten days.

The West San Antonio street dealers all report themselves well satisfied with their locations and there is a prospect of another concern opening up in this district very soon.

The new section north of the tracks is a bit scattered yet with several establishments on Mesa avenue and others on Montana street, but real estate men report several firms negotiating for new buildings on Montana or Mesa to be ready in the spring. More dealers would probably move to the Montana section but for the high rents. Dealers assert that the rents demanded on Montana street are fully as high, and in some cases higher, than the floor space can be obtained on either of the downtown sections.

"How long may a visiting motorist stay in Texas without having to take out a Texas license?" That question has been asked a dozen times and the answer is usually unsatisfactory. The reason is that the Texas law makes no provision for visitors, though the costs of motor laws of the United States show that it is customary to honor the license of the home state of the motorist for from two weeks to three months.

Texas, however, is to have a new automobile registration law next year according to reports from Austin. It is said that the graduated scale of fees will be used, the man with the high paying car paying the maximum and the "flivver" owner getting off fairly light. Report also has it that this law will follow that of the other states in that it is customary to honor the license of the home state of the motorist for from two weeks to three months.

"Don't talk to me about dimmers," said a traveling man this week. "Take a trip to New Orleans and go out on the city streets some night. You are not blinded by glaring headlights it won't be the fault of the motorist. Apparently there is no dimmer law in that city."

Many merchants in the downtown business section are getting wise that no parking of cars will be permitted in front of their places of business. The parking, even so bad as it is, is impossible for buyers, in automobiles, to drive up to the front of many establishments, even to let off or take on passengers.

Texas street, for a couple of blocks, is crowded on both sides practically every day by parked cars. The street was also difficult to get through but a policeman got busy about a week ago and cleared out the cars, giving out several invitations for a tea party in police courts. This stunt was very effective—for about a week.

BE SURE TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY ON AUTO TOURS

"It is a poor plan to leave the garage without your full equipment of tools in your car," said M. A. Compton of the Tolek Motor company. "It is always when you are least prepared that the unforeseen happens and the absence of an end wrench or a jack that you left on your garage bench, may cause you a great deal of inconvenience and possibly a walk to town. Your car comes with a complete outfit and with a set of tools, with which every ordinary repair may be made. The point to bear in mind is to keep these tools in your car and where you can find them."

"If one is going to take a long trip, it would be well to provide oneself with a few extra accessories which, while they do not form a part of any tool equipment and can be readily picked up in a moment of emergency, are of great value. These are: a set of automobile supply stores in the city, are often convenient to have with you on the road. These are one or two tire levers, a blow out patch, a grease gun, two rolls of wire tape, extra light bulbs, a ball of heavy twine, an extra oil can for use in injecting gasoline, a can of grease, a gallon can of cylinder oil and a tightly corked paint can filled with gasoline. The latter is a good plan to carry around in the car at all times. Even if your car does not have a reserve compartment, you will occasionally run out of gas and that extra gallon will take you where you can get some more. Its use has saved many a motorist a long walk. The grease gun and extra grease will help you when you should universal or axle unexpectedly run dry, the twine and tire tape on tire repairs. The loss of the others are obvious. The entire assortment can be bought for about two dollars."

STUDEBAKER CO. PLANNING TO BUILD AUTO TIRES

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 1.—It is the belief of Peter E. Studebaker, president of the International India Rubber corporation, of South Bend, that tire prices are too high. His company will be ready to start operations by January 1 in what is planned to be the largest tire factory in the world.

"Tire prices are still too high," said Mr. Studebaker today. "They have come down a lot in the last six years, but they can't and will come down more. We are planning to put on the market the best tire money and brains can produce. We have already secured three of the best tire building experts in the country. We have contracts for our rubber supply. Our buildings are being rushed to completion and will be ready for occupancy by December 12. By the first of the year we shall be in our new factory. In six weeks from that date we will be ready to fill orders."

PAY ELECTION BETS WITH AUTO CASINGS

It used to be the fashion to pay election bets with hats. C. P. Johnson says that a new fashion has been set in El Paso and many election bets were settled on Friday with El Duro tires.

KEEP GAS TANK FILLED. Always see that your gasoline tanks are well filled. Learn the distance your car will travel before it needs refilling and gauge your supply accordingly. Use your experience and not a catalogue.

WIRING AN AUTOMOBILE. If your ignition is not properly wired you will have trouble. All connections must be soldered. Oil and grease destroy insulation on moving parts must not touch wires. Tape all connections and keep them tight.

FREAK OF MOTORING



HOW much racket will your tires stand? Sometimes, no doubt, you think they stand mighty little, but it is strange the amount of knocking that the modern pneumatic tire will stand without being damaged. The illustration shows the remains of a wheel of a big car, with the Kelly-Springfield tire undamaged, after the car had torn through a big sign board on East Texas street. Every spoke was broken out of the wheel. All four tires were undamaged, but every wheel was broken.

Fads and Fancies For The Motorist

Indian bags are the fad of the moment. They are designed to carry the dozen and one little travel comforts that the modern woman finds necessary while touring. The bags are made like the old saddle bags with rings in the centers. They are of dyed chambray or suede, heavily beaded and fringed, and the ring is of jade.

Pontine is the name of a new sport coat. It is made in a belted model of a waxed fabric with a silk or satin revers side. It is, while very light, an all-round weather coat, being warm enough for real cold days. It is ideal for touring and may be had in all desirable colors.

The new ribbon trimmed veils are of washable marquisette and the ribbon borders match the ribbon or flower trimming of the cape, peanut straw or Japanese salons. The veils are fastened with straw cabochon pins and the ends float down the back.

Corded velvet is a new material for the early autumn extra coats. One to not brown is made in the semi-fitted applied skirt model with the skirt very full. The cuffs are square and deep and the mink collar is square, hanging well down on the shoulders.

Gray linen toilet rolls, bound with gray leather, are intended for the unfitted overnight bag.

Among luncheon outfits there is a nested, aluminum carrier. There are six basins eight inches in diameter fitting into a rim on top of each other and all held by a handle that slips through grooves at the sides and hooks at the bottom. This enables one to carry six different kinds of food which may be served right from the basins in which they are stored.

Velvet hats, though quite the thing this season, are not popular for the motorist on account of their dust catching propensities. Instead, silk piped or stitched hats are used, faced with becoming colored velvet, the trimming consisting of crush bands of the silk and cabochon ornaments. The hats are mostly black or white.

TIRE HEAD RETURNS FROM BUSINESS TRIP

D. C. Booth, manager of the Quick Tire Service, returning from a business trip from a trip through the territory with H. L. Williford, general sales manager of the company. Mr. Booth reports excellent business and states that the demand in the territory for the Royal cord tires put out by the United States Tire company is steadily growing. "The cattlemen, in particular, recognize the fact that a slightly larger initial cost is more than made up by longer wear and easier riding," said Mr. Booth.

JITNEY CODE CITED.

Forty jitney bus operators at Kenosha, Wis., were arrested last week on complaint of the district attorney, who charges violation of the state jitney code, requiring drivers to follow routes and keep hours in their applications for licenses to the state railroad or public utilities commission.

CHILDREN WILL NOT LAG NOW.

J. W. Farmer, president of the Yellow Stone Trail association, has decided to lend 48 Studebaker ponies to boys and girls who have distances to travel to get to school. The ponies will be well cared for and returned May 1, 1917.

DON'TS FOR NEW DRIVERS.

Don't try to stop car too suddenly. Why not the unnecessary strain on the different parts of the car? Don't watch the road too close to your car. Take a wide view. Watch the road 100 or 150 feet ahead of the car.

Hints Worth While For Car Owners

When installing tire chains it is not advisable to have them too tight. If the chains are held in a fixed position the tread of the tire is apt to be loosened at these points. If the chain is slightly loose it will work around to different positions and cause less injury to the tread.

When making motor adjustments it is usually necessary to exercise a little patience in order to get the best results, for the reason that the effects of adjustments are not always instantly apparent. In carburetor adjustments, for instance, the motor must be given a little time to feel the changes made, and the results obtained immediately following the turn of a needle valve or an air valve spring may be misleading.

The holes drilled in muffler sometimes are rough and ragged, with the result that the escaping gases set up a whistling noise anything but agreeable. Smoothing out the rough edges will usually eliminate the unwelcome sound.

When two or more leaves of a spring break it is not advisable to install new leaves without resetting the spring. If the spring is used for some time its set is different from that of the new leaves installed, and the effect results in another broken spring very soon.

The practice of driving in ruts will wear out a tire faster than any other individual bad habit. Obviously this method of driving exposes to wear the part of the tire least calculated to bear it. The main strength of the tire lies in the tread. The side walls are made comparatively thin, because wear on them is not expected, and yet, by running in ruts, that is exactly where the hardest wear falls.

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